(a) whether a 'Model Telecom Centre' was opened recently at Bangalore in the CTO compound in the old building;

(b) whether the said Centre is proposed to be shifted to the new building;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the expenditure incurred thereon; and

(d) the new facilities provided to the public for speedy disposal of telegrams at the said centre ?

THE MINISTER F STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) A computerised formatted message terminal, which is linked to Store & Forward Message Switch, has been provided for the speedy disposal of telegrams.

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Foreign Missionaries in India

5746. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to reply given to Unstarred Question No. 6693 on April 24, 1989 and state:

(a) the number of foreign missionaries in India as on April 1, 1991;

(b) the number of such missionaries who entered India during 1989-91;

(c) the break-up of foreign missionaries in India as on April 1, 1991 by districts of registration and residence;

(d) whether the information about the date of original entry into India and the date of final departure is being maintained by the registration authorities; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER F STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) The number of registered foreign missionaries in India was 2157 as on 1.1.1990.

(b) No statistics is maintained since foreigners staying in India on long term basis are also permitted to go abroad frequently.

(c) District-wise information is not maintained.

(d) Yes; there are provisions to this effect in the Registration of Foreigners Rules, 1939.

(e) Does not arise.

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New Post Office in Bihar

5747. SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the conditions of distance and population for opening a new post office are proposed to be relaxed by the Government so as to provide maximum postal facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of new post offices proposed to be opened in Bihar in the current financial year and of those opened so far, district -wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) There are no proposals under consideration at present to relax distance and population norms for